

## **Michelle M. Smith**

### **Candidate for Vice Chair**

**Michelle is presently the Middle Tennessee Quality Assurance Director, for the Department of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. She is a graduate of the TGMI Class of 2013.**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:** Michelle is attending Tennessee Leadership Events, Titans games, UT games, and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** Michelle is a Volunteer with Second Food Harvest Bank, Tennessee Scenic River Association, and the Williamson County Animal Shelter.

**MOST MEMORABLE TGMI EXPERIENCE:** “Attempting to take a photograph of an armadillo while Nick Brindle tried to catch it at Natchez Trace State Park.”

#### **REASON FOR WANTING TO BE VICE CHAIR:**

**“TGMI was not just a training that I attended that would look good on my resume and then be forgotten, but a total transformation in the way I lead my employees on a daily basis. As a former teacher and long-time State employee, I had attended innumerable trainings/conferences over the years. TGMI was without question, the best overall training in which I have ever participated. A few of the things I learned along the way include communication across generational gaps, putting together a strong team based upon individuals strengths and making impactful presentations.**

**I was honored to be elected by the Class of 2013, reigning “Best Class Ever” to the TGMI Steering Committee. I have learned the intricacies of the Steering Committee and how all of the Leadership Community work together to build on the strengths of the State employees in Tennessee. I am also currently serving as the Secretary and Co-Chair of the Business Events Committee. As the Vice-Chair, I will strive to enhance the communication between all TGMI Alumni across the State**

**by establishing regional groups, support the Alumni to have experiences which continue to expand their leadership abilities (ongoing training) and increase opportunities for Alumni to make a difference in the lives of the people of Tennessee through volunteerism.**

**Being the Vice Chair would enable me to continue to give back to TGMI and the State of Tennessee for the amazing learning opportunity and gift that was bestowed upon me by choosing me to be a part of TGMI.”**